Land offered by Gujarat for Western Railways

4386. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has offered land free of cost for Zonal Office for Western Railway at either Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard by the Railway Minister ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. There is no proposal for setting up of a zonal office at Ahmedabad.

Unmanned Railway Crossings

4387. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU :
SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unmanned railway crossings in the country, particularly in the NER, as on 31st March, 2000, State-wise/District-wise/ Station-wise;

(b) how many accidents have taken place during the last three years on these crossings ; and

(c) what is the number of such crossings proposed to be manned during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) There are 24049 unmanned level crossings in the country, of these 3205 unmanned level crossings are falling in North Eastern Railway. Statistics on unmanned level crossings are maintained Railway Zone-